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SUBJECT: WHAT QADHAFI WANTS FROM ARAFAT

REF: TRIPOLI 1312, 1345; BEIRUT 14998

1. A LEADING ARTICLE IN CONTROLLED LIBYAN PRESS
DEC. 19 GIVES US MOST EXPLICIT INDICATION TO DATE
OF JUST WHAT QADHAFI WANTS FROM ARAFAT.

2. EDITORIAL, PARAPHRASED, SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN "DETACHMENTS OF THE RESISTANCE"
(READ ARAFAT LOYALISTS AND REJECTIONISTS) OVER
FORMATION OF UNIFIED PALESTINIAN GOVT WITH
PARTICIPATION OF ALL FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS.
"DISAGREEMENT" OVER WHETHER TO FORM PALESTINIAN
STATE ON "PART OF USURPED LAND" (READ WEST BANK),
TURNED INTO "REFUSAL" (PRESUMABLY BY REJECTIONISTS)
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TO DO SO. THIS WAS WELL AND GOOD, AND THESE "LONG

MEETINGS AND SERIOUS DEBATES" WILL TURN OUT TO BE A GOOD THING. THEY SHOULD RESULT IN FORMATION OF PALESTINIAN GOVT WITH AGREEMENT OF ALL "PALESTINIAN DETACHMENTS". PROPOSAL TO SET UP PALESTINIAN STATE BASED ON PART OF USURPED TERRITORY WAS A JOKE. SUCH A STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN DEPENDENT ON "STATES OF THE AREA" AND EVEN ON ZIONIST ENEMY. NOW HOWEVER, THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER DELAY, AND A PALESTINIAN GOVT SHOULD BE FORMED.

3. COMMENT: WE IMAGINE QADHAFI WOULD LIKE TO SEE COALITION PALESTINIAN GOVT FORMED WITH PLO AS BASE BUT WITH PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE LIKE AHMAD JABRIL AND PERHAPS GEORGE HABBASH--ON REJECTIONIST TERMS, NATURALLY--IN ORDER TO KEEP ARAFAT HONEST. IF HE THINKS ARAFAT IS SELLING OUT CAUSE, BY BOWING TO EGYPTIAN PRESSURE AND MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN FOR EXAMPLE, QADHAFI MIGHT WELL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT HIS PRESENT POLICY OF CONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ARAFAT.
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